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SUBJECT: REPORTED VIOLATIONS OF FISHING ZONES

1. OPPOSITION MANAGUA NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA REPORTS

AUGUST 21 THAT NICARAGUAN COAST GUARD HAS ARRESTED COSTA  
RICAN FISHING VESSEL MARY FRANCIS AND THAT COSTA RICAN  
CAPTAIN AND NICARAGUAN CREW HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO  
CUSTODY OF LOCAL JUDGE IN SAN JUAN DEL SUR, NICARAGUA'S  
SOUTHERNMOST PACIFIC PORT. THE STORY ALSO SAYS TWO  
NICARAGUAN VESSELS, THE SANTA CECILIA AND THE SANTA  
ISABEL, WERE RECENTLY ARRESTED BY COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES  
FOR FISHING IN COSTA RICA WATERS AND THE CREWS ARE BEING  
TRIED IN LIBERIA. LA PRENSA GIVES STORY FRONT-PAGE  
HEADLINE AS "FISHING WAR," AND CONTRASTS SEVERE PENALTIES  
ACCORDED NICARAGUANS FOR FISHING VIOLATIONS IN COSTA RICA  
WHICH CARRY FIVE TO TEN YEAR SENTENCES TO ANTIQUATED  
NICARAGUAN LAWS WHICH CARRY NO SUCH PENALTIES FOR  
SIMILAR OFFENSES.

2. ON AUGUST 19, LA PRENSA QUOTED COSTA RICAN NEWS

SOURCE AS REPORTING SEIZURE OF MARY FRANCIS AND  
SPECULATED THAT THIS ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION FOR A RECENT  
INCIDENT IN WHICH GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA'S YACHT  
WAS SUPPOSEDLY FORCED TO LEAVE COSTA RICAN WATERS IN  
THE VICINITY OF CAPE SANTA ELENA THE WEEKEND OF

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AUGUST 11-12. THIS STORY WAS, ACCORDING TO LA PRENSA,

CARRIED IN COSTA RICAN NEWSPAPER LA NACION. EMBASSY  
WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT FROM SAN JOSE AS TO HOW  
SERIOUSLY "FISHING WAS" LA PRENSA HAS DISCOVERED FROM  
NICARAGUAN SIDE IS BEING TAKEN IN COSTA RICA. NICARAGUAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY APPARENTLY ATTACHES NO IMPORTANCE  
TO RECENT INCIDENTS CONSIDERING THAT FISHING VIOLATIONS  
IN WATERS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE FREQUENT AND  
RESPECTVIE COURTS WILL, AS IN THE PAST, HANDLE MATTER  
ROUTINELY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RELATIONS BETWEEN NICARAGUA  
AND COSTA RICA.  
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